REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	The Workplace
Other Known Title:	The Work Place
Format:	DVD
Director/Author:	Chuck Lords
Producer/Publisher:	Shylar Cobi
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English
Applicant:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Distributor:	Calvista NZ Ltd
Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as **Objectionable**. The excised version of this publication is classified as **Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.**
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable.
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
Date of entry in Register:	29 June 2006
Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	600149

Unexcised version of publication:

	Component	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Extras	
Feature:	The Workplace	88.24

Other timed components:	Bonus Scene 1 Bonus Scene 2 Bonus Scene 3 Bonus Scene 4 Bonus Scene 5 Behind The Scenes The New Devil In Miss Jones 5 Blondes Zipless	11.38 5.56 22.37 11.25 11.20 17.36 0.59 0.59 0.58
Other components:	Copyright Warning Notice Photo Gallery	
Total running time:		171.52

Excisions: Excisions Recommended But Not Made

Reasons for excisions:

An excision is required to lower the high extent to which the publication degrades, dehumanises and demeans a woman participant. At the start of one scene in the DVD feature a man overwhelms a woman and treats her roughly and contemptuously. The woman is reduced to a passive sexual utility by his overly aggressive conduct. The distributor of the DVD declined to make the excision recommended therefore the publication is classified as objectionable.

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *The Workplace* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD feature contains a series of sexual encounters in contemporary workplaces. At the start of one scene in the feature a man overwhelms a woman and treats her roughly and contemptuously. The Classification Office requested the excision of this highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual conduct. Had the excision been made the publication would have been classified as objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. The distributor declined the opportunity to make the excision and the publication is therefore classified as objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act (1990) on the application of the classification criteria. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the availability of publications that depict degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual conduct to an extent and degree that they are likely to be injurious to the public good.